

Area schools reap share of \$412M in construction grants

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Six Sacramento-area schools will share \$5.8 million from a \$412 million statewide pot of school construction grants.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced Thursday that 109 schools throughout California will receive nearly \$412 million in construction grants.

Of that, more than \$219 million was allocated from Proposition 1D funds, part of the governor \$42 billion strategic growth plan to rebuild California infrastructure, approved by voters in 2006. That money will go to 59 schools statewide for new construction and modernization of the campuses. The funds also will ease overcrowding at some schools by replacing portable classrooms with permanent structures.

In Greater Sacramento, Trajan Elementary in Orangevale will receive \$1.56 million, Del Oro High in Loomis will collect \$3.32 million and Independence Continuation High in Diamond Springs will gain \$825,099, all for modernization projects. In the Sacramento City Unified School District, Maple Elementary, Bret Hart Elementary and Earl Warren Elementary will share \$130,311 for emergency repairs.

I have said for a long time that we have to rebuild California, and that is why I am so pleased to announce that these funds will go to work immediately to build needed schools, repair classrooms and relieve overcrowding Schwarzenegger said in a news release. This funding will bolster our statewide economy now when we need it most and ensure California's schools continue to shine as bright as their students.